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Home From Vietnam For Yule Holiday

Roger N. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown of Elm St., Agawam, is on Navy leave for the Christmas Holidays after a Vietnam tour of duty.

He is a U. S. Navy aviation administration man assigned to the 1046 foot long U. S. Independence attack carrier. The U. S. Independence has a crew of 4300 seamen. Roger is associated with the ship's flight deck control, the main



ROGER N. BROWN

station controlling aircraft moving, fueling and ordinance, and is what might be called the liaison between squadrons and the flight deck officer.

Brown's views on the draft card burning: "I am disgusted by it. It is just a minority of college students who are hasbeens and wall-flowers or just stand on the sidelines and this is the only way they can get attention. It shows a lack of intelligence on their part, but it really hits home, because it reflects on this country and on my generation." He feels that it was blown out of proportion and been sensationalized by publicity.

Western Bank Appoints Fabbri Branch Manager

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Alfred J. Fabbri, 29, has been appointed manager of the new branch office of Western Bank and Trust Company at 1000 Riverdale St., it was announced today by William E. Franks, Jr., executive vice-president and treasurer. The new office will open for business on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Mr. Fabbri joined the staff of Western Bank at 11 Central St. on Jan. 1 of this year. He is a graduate of Technical High School in Springfield, has completed evening division studies and courses of the American Institute of Banking. He was a member of the U. S. Marine Corps from June, 1953, to June, 1955, serving aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Ticonderoga.

He is a member of American Legion Post 21, the Italian Social Club and the Springfield Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was formerly with Valley Bank and Trust Company as manager of Valley Bank's Agawam office.

Mr. Fabbri and his wife, the former Patricia Syner of Springfield, have two daughters, Julie and Kathleen. They live at 81 Norman St. in Springfield.

Accountant's Christmas Tree



Shown above is the attractively decorated Christmas tree in your town accountant's office, Mrs. Marge Santaniello.

"MAIL NOW" . . . POSTMASTER

It is urgent that any remaining Christmas mail be sent out today, Acting Postmaster Robert R. DeForge stressed today. In the last three weeks, the nation has witnessed more people mailing gifts, cards and letters than ever before.

The Postmaster said that across the nation every piece of Christmas mail that can possibly be delivered will reach its destination

on time. However, at this time of the year, the strain on transportation facilities and the unpredictability of weather can mean unexpected delays.

Mr. DeForge suggested that mailers consider the use of air mail and special delivery, especially for out of town mail.

He noted that holiday schedules will be in effect on Saturday and (Continued on Page 2)

Playton A. George Heads "Y" Membership Drive

Ernest C. Swanson, president of the Agawam Community YMCA announced today the appointment of Platon A. George as chairman of the local association's annual sustaining membership drive. The drive is scheduled to kick-off on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1966.

George immediately announced the appointment of eight team

captains to head up various divisions of the membership enrollment. They are: Mrs. James Chandler, Mrs. Alfred Gallerani, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Negrucci, James Pease, Ernest Swanson, Archie Taylor and John H. Williams, Jr.

George said that an all out effort would be made to boost the number of sustaining members from last year's 162 to 250 members. "The rapid growth of the Agawam Community YMCA in the past four years," he said, "makes it imperative that we broaden our base of community support."

All team captains are securing workers for the campaign and anyone wishing to take an active part in the membership campaign may contact George or any of the above listed captains.

William A. Russell With Hood 20 Years

William A. Russell of 48 Leo Drive, Chicopee Falls, was honored recently by the H. P. Hood and Sons company for his 20 years of service.

He was one of several Hood employees who were presented service pins by company president Gilbert H. Hood, Jr.

The awards were made during a service luncheon held at the firm's Boston ice cream plant, site of several such luncheons held periodically to honor long-time Hood employees.

Russell, a home delivery supervisor at the firm's Agawam plant, received a gold pin.

Biza Accepts Position At Third National

Frank J. Biza of 40 Monroe St., began his career with the Federal Land Bank of Springfield in 1926 as part-time office boy while attending West Springfield High School, retired Friday, Dec. 17, after 39 years of service. Mr. Biza has served the Banks' accounting department since 1928. He has chosen early retirement to accept a position with the Third National Bank of Hampden County.

Biza attended Bay Path Institute in 1927-28 and served in the U. S. Army from August 1943 through September 1945.

Active in the Pioneer Valley Boy Scout Council for the past seven years, he is now chairman of Troop 89 Committee in Agawam. He has served as their assistant scoutmaster. He has also been active in other community affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Biza have three children, Robert, a student at AIC and Carol and Nancy attending the Agawam schools.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

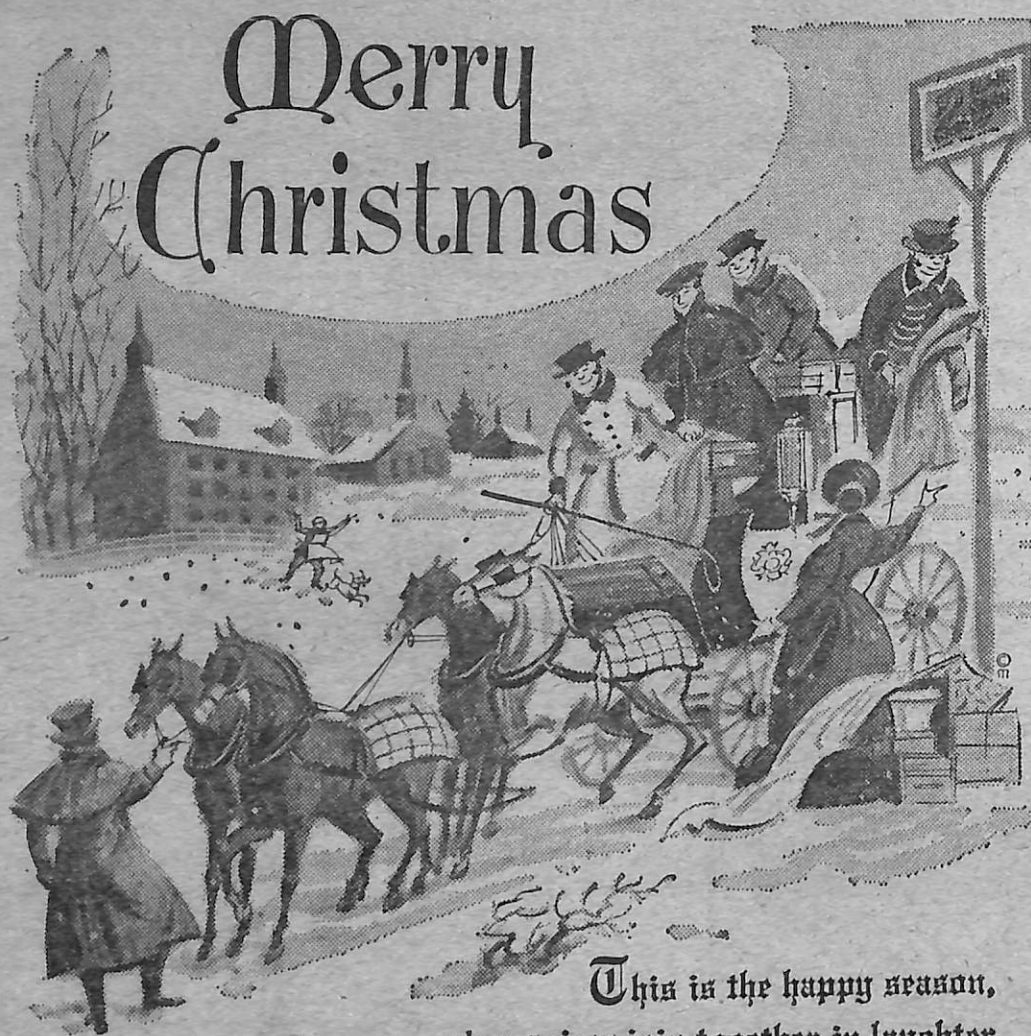
The last game of the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One, was held in the National Guard Armory on Maynard St., last Wednesday evening. Door prizes were won by Gaston Allard, Niels Jensen, Eugene Knightly and Mildred Cole.

Mystery prizes were won by Thelma White, Mary Haley and Gladys Cortes. Ace prizes were won by Jessie Tompkins for the ladies and Raymond Williard for the men.

The prizes awarded for play were won by: Ladies—1st Beatrice Newton, 2nd Ann Hyde, 3rd Thelma White and 4th Ida Gillette; Gentlemen — 1st Louis Franchise, 2nd Ralph Stetson, 3rd Henry Cole and 4th Niels Jensen.

The winners of the series prizes were Edith Burton for the ladies and Chester Gillette for the men.

See you all next week. Same Time, Same Place.



This is the happy season,
when voices join together in laughter
and song. It's the time when we count our blessings
and share our good fortunes with friends and strangers, a-
like. In the true Christmas tradition, we'd like to ex-
tend to you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

The AGAWAM INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

REMEMBER — NO TAIL-GATING!



CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

Granger School—temporarily
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Biuns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sr. Choir Director
Mrs. Ronald Ashton,
Jr. Choir Director

Friday — 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at East Longmeadow Nursing Home—conducted by our church; 11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service at Granger School... All are invited to attend.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at Granger Elementary School... Nursery for Infants. No Church School—Student Recognition Day—Mission Minute—No MYF this evening.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice at 46 Kensington St.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearsal at church; 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal at church.

Friday—11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held in the Sanctuary. Special music will be provided by the combined choirs and Rev. Lockhart will bring a Christmas message.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m. Two Morning Worship Services... Rev. Lockhart will preach both services. Choralier and Melody Choirs sing first service and Senior Choir sing second service; 9:30 and 10 a.m. Church School for all; 6 p.m. Junior and Senior BYF meet at church.

Tuesday — 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearsal at church.

Wednesday — 10 a.m. Trading Post will not be open; 8 p.m. Students and Servicemen home

on vacation or leave will meet at parsonage for an evening of fellowship.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Friday — 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan, preaching, and Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6; 10 a.m. Church School Classes, Grades 7-12 and Adult Bible Class; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan, preaching, and Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6; 12 Youth Coffee Hour.

Wednesday—6:30 p.m. Merriweds.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist
Thursday — 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal; 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday—11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Worship... Everyone is most welcome.

Sunday—There will be no Church School this day; 11 a.m. A Family Worship Service... A story for the children in attendance.

Monday—7 p.m. Church School Parent-Teacher Seminar for parents of children in grades 4-6. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Tuesday—1 p.m. Parent-Teacher Seminars Kindergarten-Grade 3; 7 p.m. Grades 7-12.

Wednesday—8 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting in the Spear Room.

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Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta, CPS Rector.

Saturday—4:53 p.m. and 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. confessions.

Mass Schedule
Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 7 a.m.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

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Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Choir practice.

Friday, Christmas Eve—7 p.m. Traditional service of Lessons and Carols; 11:30 p.m. Choral midnight Christmas Eucharist.

Saturday, Christmas Day—9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Feast of St. Stephen—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Children's Festival service.

Tuesday, Feast of Holy Innocents—7 p.m. Children's Christmas party.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Friday—11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Old Storowton Church, Exposition Park, West Springfield... Everyone Cordially Invited.

Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Service at Old Storowton Church, West Springfield, Eastern States Exposition grounds... Sunday School classes in session.

Husband to wife—"I didn't get a raise, but his refusal ran into some overtime!"

LEGAL NOTICES

THE PLANNING BOARD
AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS
December 14, 1965
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, January 13, 1966 at 8:00 P.M. in the Band Room at the Junior High School on the petition of Louis and Celia DeSieno for a Zone Change on a parcel of land situated on the Easterly side of River Road and Westerly of the Connecticut River from partially Agricultural and partially Business B, to Residential A-3, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly corner of Lot 43 as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 45, Page 42; thence running 51° 31' 40" E along lots 44, 45 in the southern extremity of Autumn Street and Lot 50 as shown on the aforementioned plan, a distance of four hundred thirty-five (435) feet, more or less, to a point situated on the westerly line of the Connecticut River; thence turning and running southerly along the westerly line of said Connecticut River, a distance of seven hundred seventy (770) feet, more or less to a point at land of Riverside Park Amusement Co.; thence turning and running N 70° 24' 00" W along land of said Riverside Park Amusement Co., a distance of six hundred ninety (690) feet, more or less to a point at other land of said DeSieno, described in Parcel 1; thence turning and running N 06° 54' 00" E along other land of said DeSieno, a distance of two hundred ninety (290) feet, more or less; thence turning and running easterly in a line parallel with said River Road, a distance of seven hundred thirty (730) feet, more or less to a point at the southeasterly corner of Lot 43, the point of beginning. The above described parcel of land is all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Drawing No. 92-5291, dated November 23, 1965 and shaded GREEN on the attached plan which is herewith made a part of said petition.

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
By HAROLD GAFFNEY JR.,
Chairman
(Dec. 23)

"Mail Now" . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
Sunday, Dec. 25 and 26. Although Christmas falls on a Saturday and many business firms will be letting their employees off Friday, a sufficient number of postal workers will remain on duty to see that all Christmas mail entering post offices in time for delivery will reach its destination.

The Agawam Postmaster thanked all his customers for their excellent cooperation.

Mistletoe is another symbol of Christmas from the annals of legend. The ancient Druids thought it was sacred. Forests in which this precious plant grew were dedicated to their gods. Legend has it that Druids cut mistletoe sprig with a golden knife and hung them over their doors. They believed this pacified

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Beginning at a point in the northwesterly corner of the parcel herein described, said point being at land now or formerly of Havlicek, said point also being two hundred fifty-five (255) feet easterly of the easterly line of River Road and at other land of Louis & Celia DeSieno; thence running S 51° 31' 40" E along land of said Havlicek and Lots 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 45, Page 42, a distance of four hundred sixty (460) feet to a point at other land of said DeSieno; thence turning and running southwesterly along other land of said DeSieno and parallel with said River Road, a distance of seven hundred thirty (730) feet to a point; thence turning and running S 06° 54' 00" W along other land of said DeSieno, said line being parallel with said Main Street, a distance of two hundred ninety (290) feet, more or less to a point at land now or formerly of Riverside Park Amusement Co.; thence turning and running N 70° 24' 00" W along land of said Riverside Park Amusement Co., a distance of four hundred thirty (430) feet to a point at land now or formerly of Mary B. Bashaw; thence turning and running N 20° 58' 00" E along land of said Bashaw, a distance of two hundred sixty-two and 08/100 (262.08) feet to a point at other land of DeSieno; thence turning and running N 72° 57' 00" W along land of said Bashaw, a distance of sixty and 14/100 (60.14) feet to a point at land now or formerly of William J. Sharples; thence turning and running N 20° 58' 00" E along land of said Sharples, a distance of one hundred thirty-one and 34/100 (131.34) feet to a point; thence turning and running N 76° 48' 30" W along land of said Sharples, a distance of fifty (50) feet, more or less to a point at other land of said DeSieno; thence turning and running Northeasterly in a line parallel with said River Road, said line being two hundred fifty (250) feet easterly of said easterly line of River Road, a distance of seven hundred eighty (780) feet to a point at land of said Havlicek, the point of beginning. The above described parcel of land is all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Drawing No. 92-5291, dated November 23, 1965 and colored YELLOW on the attached plan which is herewith made a part of said petition.

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the woodland spirits and that only happiness could enter while the mistletoe was in place.

"Not many young fellows are trying to set the world on fire. Most of them prefer to burn up the highways." Joe Harrison, The Texas Spur, Dickens County, Tex.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain mortgage given by STATE REALTY INVESTMENT CORP. OF SPRINGFIELD, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having a usual place of business in Springfield, in the County of Hampden and said Commonwealth, to ELI ROSS, of Brookfield, in the County of Kings and State of New York and NORMAN WOLFSON, of New York, in the County of New York and said State of New York, dated November 13, 1962 and recorded with the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden in Book 2918, Page 6, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at eleven (11) o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time on the sixth day of January A.D. 1966, on the premises below described all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"PARCEL III: Certain real estate situate in Agawam, in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound in the Southerly line of Cooper Street, said stone bound being located on a course bearing SOUTH 75° 41' 30" EAST and distant Three Hundred Sixty-seven and 41/100 (367.41) feet from a stone bound marking an angle point in said Southerly line of said Cooper Street, and running thence

SOUTH 14° 18' 30" WEST along the Easterly line of land now or formerly of one Boyle, One Hundred Fifty (150) feet to a stone bound; thence

NORTH 75° 41' 30" WEST along the Southerly line of land now or formerly of said Boyle, One Hundred Twenty (120) feet to a stone bound; thence

SOUTH 34° 23' 50" WEST along land now or formerly of the Connecticut Valley Realty Company, Three Hundred Ninety-four and 10/100 (394.10) feet to an iron rod; thence

NORTH 65° 41' 30" WEST along the Southerly line of said land of said Connecticut Valley Realty Company, Three Hundred Twenty-two and 23/100 (322.23) feet to an iron rod in line of an existing fence at land now or formerly of H. P. Hinkley; thence

SOUTHWESTERLY along line of said existing fence and land of said H. P. Hinkley, about One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-seven (1737) feet to an iron rod at land now or formerly of Adams and Crockett; thence

SOUTH 82° 56' EAST along said land now or formerly of said Adams and Crockett, One Hundred Eighty-eight (188) feet to an iron rod; thence

SOUTH 85° 43' EAST along land now or formerly of said Adams and Crockett Three Hundred Eighty and 03/100 (380.03) feet to a stone bound; thence

NORTH 29° 43' EAST along land now or formerly of one Todd, Three Hundred Fifty-four and 97/100 (354.97) feet to a stone bound at land now or formerly of C. W. Hull; thence

NORTH 12° 19' WEST along land now or formerly of said C. W. Hull, Fifty-four and 35/100 (54.55) feet to an iron rod; thence

NORTH 57° 41' 30" EAST along land now or formerly of C. W. Hull, One Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen and 03/100 (1215.03) feet to a stone bound at land now or formerly of one Smith; thence

NORTH 7° 50' EAST along land now or formerly of said Smith, said line being distant One Hundred (100) feet Westerly of and parallel to the Westerly line of Federal Terrace, Five Hundred Eighty-five and 12/100 (585.12) feet to a point in the Southwesterly corner of Lot #12 (twelve) on said Federal Terrace; thence

NORTH 87° 17' 25" WEST Seventy-four and 16/100 (74.16) feet to a point in the Southeasterly corner of other land now or formerly of one Boyle; thence

NORTH 75° 41' 30" WEST along the Southerly line of other land now or formerly of said Boyle, Two Hundred Thirty (230) feet to a point; thence

NORTH 14° 18' 30" EAST along the Westerly line of said other land now or formerly of said Boyle, One Hundred Ninety-five and 65/100 (195.56) feet to a point in the Southerly line of Cooper Street; thence

NORTH 75° 41' 30" WEST along said Southerly line of said Cooper Street, Two Hundred Ninety-four and 03/100 (294.03) feet to a stone bound, the point of beginning."

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, if any. Five Hundred (500) Dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, balance in cash within ten (10) days and on delivery of deed, other terms to be announced at the said sale.

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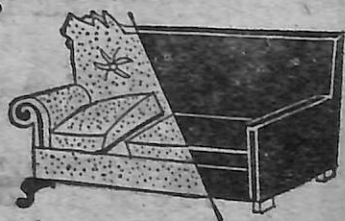
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MINCEMEAT CHIFFON PIE

1 1/2 cups gingersnap crumbs
(21 gingersnaps)
1/4 cup sugar
3 tbsp. melted butter
1 box condensed or
2 1/2 to 3 cups prepared mincemeat

3 eggs, separated
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
4 tbsp. hot water
1/2 cup heavy cream whipped
6 tbsp. sugar

Break 5 or 6 gingersnaps into blender-beater container. Cover, blend until crumbed. Empty into a measuring cup. Repeat until 1 1/2 cups are produced. Empty into 10" pie pan. Add 1/4 cup sugar and butter to crumbs and mix thoroughly. Press into pie pan and chill. Put water and gelatin into container. Cover and blend until gelatin is softened. Add hot water and blend until gelatin is dissolved. Add egg yolks one at a time, and blend well after each addition. Add mincemeat and blend until it is barely mixed. Chill well. Beat egg whites with rotary beater until foamy. Gradually add 6 tbsp. sugar and beat until stiff. Fold mincemeat mixture into egg whites. Whip the cream and fold in. Spoon into gingersnap crust. Refrigerate until firm. Garnish with whipped cream, candied cherries, chopped nuts.

HOLIDAY TOMATO SOUP

4 tbsp. butter or margarine
1/4 cup each celery, onion and carrot,
cut into small pieces
4 tbsp. all-purpose flour
3 or 4 whole black peppers

1 small bay leaf
1/2 tsp. crumbled tarragon
2 1/2 cups canned tomatoes (No. 2 can)
4 cups beef broth
1/2 cup red wine

2 or 3 whole cloves

Put celery, cut into 1-inch pieces, into blender 1/2-pint blend-and-store jar and place jar on blender. Turn on and off and repeat until chopped. Remove from container into skillet. Repeat process with onion and carrot. Add butter to skillet and saute vegetables until lightly browned. Blend in flour, whole black peppers, bay leaf, cloves and tarragon. Cook over low heat until ingredients are well blended. Add tomatoes and continue to cook over very low heat for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Put the ingredients into container, cover and process until smooth. Return to saucepan. Add beef broth and bring to boiling point. Add salt and pepper if desired. Serve in mugs or cups, garnished with lemon wheel. Yields 6 servings.

Second Colossus?

Rhodes, Greece
The Colossus of Rhodes, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, may be erected again—in a modern aluminum version.

The original Colossus, representing the sun god, Apollo, was a 107-foot bronze statue astride the narrow entrance to the old harbor of Mandraki. After standing for 56 years, the statue was

toppled by an earthquake in 224 B. C.

The new version would span the new harbor. The interior would have a skyview restaurant and, perhaps, a museum. Entrances would be built into the heels of the figure.

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USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65) (FHTNC)—Seaman Broderick W. Del Buono, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Del Buono of 727 River Road, Agawam, will always remember Dec. 2, 1965—the day nuclear-powered warships were first used in armed combat against an enemy. He is serving aboard the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

As the carrier Enterprise went into combat, launching air strikes against the Communist Viet Cong in South Viet Nam, the nuclear-powered guided missile frigate Bainbridge was again at the "Big E's" side, providing anti-air and anti-submarine defense for the world's largest aircraft carrier.

These two ships recently completed a 30-day, 16,000-mile transit from Norfolk, Va., to the Western Pacific to become the first nuclear-powered vessels to operate with the Seventh Fleet.

The movement of Enterprise and Bainbridge to the Seventh Fleet was the first step in transferring the Navy's four atomic powered surface warships to the Pacific Fleet. The nuclear-powered cruiser Long Beach and guided missile frigate Truxton will be transferred in early 1966.

The nuclear reactors in these

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ships provide almost unlimited constant refueling, they are a range and the ability to stay at valuable asset to the Seventh sea for extended periods without Fleet striking forces operating refueling. Without the need for throughout the Western Pacific.



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Thursday, December 23, 1965

Prayer For Christmas

"Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

"Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts, that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

"Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life—and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

"Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man—then the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

"And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children."

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266 WALNUT STREET RE 4-4073 AGAWAM



Merry Christmas

It's a very cheery Merry Christmas we're wishing all our fine customers, and an especially sincere "thanks" for your patronage.

CORNER PACKAGE STORE

312 Springfield St. - Agawam - Tel. RE 3-9392

JAMES MORAN, Prop.

Dickens' 'Carol' still a Favorite

One of the most popular and perhaps best known short stories concerning the celebration of Christmas was written during a dreary age of commercialism, secularism and anti-clericalism. Furthermore, this story of joyful mystery of Christmas has as its main character a miserly bore.

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", written in 1843, is this great literary work concerning Christian love in an age of cruelty and horror.

In this story Dickens' genius caught the many injustices, the extreme poverty and the unhealthy conditions of his time. But he also revealed how Christian love could exist in such a period.

To represent injustice, Dickens created a miserly scrooge; for poverty, a poor family named Cratchit; and for Christian love, a crippled innocent called Tiny Tim.

PFC Jourdan Receives Marine Corps Medal

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Captain R. J. Perlak, Commanding Officer of Springfield's Marine Corps Reserve Unit, awarded the Marine Corps Reserve Medal to Private First Class Charles Jourdan of 438 Springfield St., Apt. 18, Agawam, who is a member of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 25th Marines of Springfield.

PFC Jourdan was awarded the medal at ceremonies during the December drill.

The medal cites individuals for excellent attendance at drills and annual training duty for at least four consecutive years and outstanding overall participation in the Marine Corps Reserve Program.

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or
Having a Party?
Order Refreshing
Pequot Beverages
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WEGZYNIAN
Prop.
— Resident of Agawam —

PLAIN TALK . . .

Whether he ever finds it or not, every normal person has within him an element of greatness—the same kind of greatness found in the heroes in our headlines. For our Creator is impartial.

If you dip a cup into the ocean you come up with a cup full of water that contains all the elements of the ocean itself. So it is with greatness—the greatness in each of us. The quality is the same. It's what people do with their cupfuls that tells the story.

We draw upon this endowment of greatness in varying degrees. All of us exert a subtle influence on the persons around us. It can be a positive or negative influence—determined by our habitual attitude toward such things as personal integrity, self-respect, moral obligation. We can, if we choose, draw upon our inner resources and be great.

And in the long run, the progress of mankind is going to depend more upon the grand total of these cupfuls of greatness—including yours and mine—than

LEGAL NOTICES

THE PLANNING BOARD AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

December 17, 1965

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, January 13, 1966 at 9:00 P.M. in the Band Room at the Junior High School on the petition of Frank Solitario for a Zone Change on a parcel of land on North Westfield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts from Agricultural to Residence A-2, bounded and described as follows:

Bounded West by Westfield Street; North by North Westfield Street; and West by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; conveyed to it by instrument dated May 8, 1939, recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 1673, Page 329; Southerly and Easterly by other land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Southerly again by last named land and land now or formerly of one Jenks and land now or formerly of one O'Brien. Containing one hundred and nine (109) acres more or less.

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
By HAROLD GAFFNEY JR.,
Chairman
(Dec. 23)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that William C. Harvey has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 11 South End Bridge Drive on one floor, consisting of two rooms.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., Walter Drewnowski, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 139 Southwick St., building consisting of two floors, two rooms on first floor, one room on second floor, storage on first floor, also picnic area.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Marchegian Club, Inc., Bruno E. Biagetti, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club—Common Victualer at 22 Hunt Street, in 29' x 62' building: Main floor consisting of hall, kitchen and toilets. Cellar consisting of meeting room, small kitchen and toilets.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that John G. Alcorn, d/b/a Executive Manor, has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 450 Springfield St., Cor. of Harding St., building consisting of three rooms on first floor; three rooms on second floor; Cellar for storage.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Joseph Bonavita has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 1763 Main St., on one floor, consisting of three rooms, cellar for storage.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

upon the shimmering greatness that shines in the lives of the world's noblest leaders.

—W. J. ZUCHARA

Courtesy is one of the best helps in traveling life's highways.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 20, 1965

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Paul R. Borgatti, d/b/a Silver Lounge, has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 314 Silver St., in two story building consisting of bar, four rooms and kitchen on first floor; three rooms on second floor; cellar used for storage.

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
FREDERICK NARDI
Licensing Board
(Dec. 23)

THE PLANNING BOARD AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

December 17, 1965

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, January 13, 1966 at 8:30 P.M. in the Band Room at the Junior High School on the petition of Anthony Dialessi for a Zone Change on a parcel of land situated on Poplar Street, Agawam, Massachusetts from Agricultural to Residence A-3, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the northwesterly side of Poplar Street, said iron pipe being distance 911.55 feet southwesterly of the southwesterly corner of Mill Street and Poplar Street, also being the southeasterly corner of land of the Roman Catholic Church; thence S 44° 48' 00" W along the northwesterly side of Poplar Street, a distance of 296.83 feet to a stone bound; thence S 35° 43' 22" W along the northwesterly side of Poplar Street, a distance of 44.98 feet to an iron pipe at land of Karol K. & Gertrude S. Woyshnis; thence N 82° 52' 25" W along land of Karol K. & Gertrude S. Woyshnis, a distance of 413.03 feet to land of Ermino A. & Anna M. Cecchi; thence N 2° 48' 50" E along land of Ermino A. & Anna M. Cecchi, a distance of 275.0 feet to an iron pipe at land of Rose M. Godek; thence S 83° 14' 45" E along land of Rose M. Godek, a distance of 127.37 feet to a stone bound at land of the Roman Catholic Church; thence S 82° 47' 45" E along land of the Roman Catholic Church, a distance of 509.20 feet to the point of beginning.

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
By HAROLD GAFFNEY JR.,
Chairman
(Dec. 23)

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by JAMES W. BURNS and SANDRA E. BURNS to CITY SAVINGS BANK OF PITTSFIELD, which mortgage is dated June 22, 1964, and is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3037, Page 170, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction at two o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1966 on the mortgaged premises below described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows: to wit:

"The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: being known and designated as Lot #16 as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 89, Pages 71 and 72, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHERLY By Pleasant Drive, by an irregular line, one hundred eighty-nine and 64/100 (189.64) feet; SOUTHERLY By land of Walter Dziubek et ux, fifteen and 95/100 (15.05) feet; EASTERLY By land of Robinson State Park, one hundred sixty-five and 57/100 (165.57) feet; NORTHERLY By land of owner, unknown, one hundred fifty-four and 12/100 (154.12) feet; and WESTERLY By Lot #15 as shown on said plan, one hundred forty-two and 41/100 (142.41) feet.

SUBJECT to easement rights of American Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated November 28, 1905, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 691, Page 338, if in force and applicable. SUBJECT to easement rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company et al under instrument dated July 16, 1963, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2963, Page 592. Subject to restrictions as in Document dated May 13, 1963, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2964, Page 578. BEING THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to the mortgagors herein by deed of Walter Dziubek et ux which deed is to be recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds just prior hereto.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, if any. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, other terms to be announced at the sale.

CITY SAVINGS BANK OF PITTSFIELD
By: Raymond G. LeBeau,
Vice President
Present holder of said mortgage
STUART C. WAITE, ESQUIRE
83 State Street
Springfield, Massachusetts
(Dec. 16-23-30)

ROUTE 9
Thursday, Dec. 30 — Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Editha Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow, River Rd., School, Seymour Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave. and Wyman Ave.

Bugsy Bunker
New York
Parking cars has become a big business in American cities. Less known is a problem for mothers—parking baby carriages here, an enterprising Italian-American has turned two old store fronts into a carriage park.
Mothers living in walk-up apartments find it saves toting heavy carriages up and down stairs.
Each carriage has a reserved spot. And it's self-service. The mothers get a key to the carriage park. Cost \$5 a month.

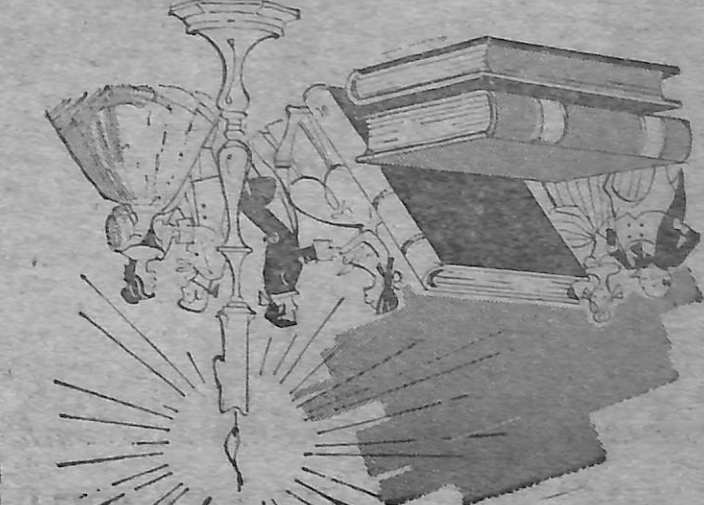
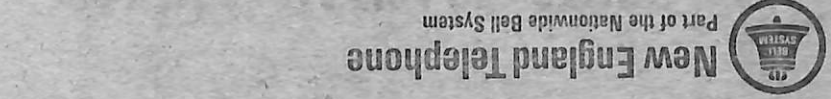
DRESS IN STYLE
WEAR A SEAT BELT



Blessings
May you and yours enjoy a Christmas rich in blessings.
TINTS
Restaurant
22 KING ST.
AGAWAM

the new TELEPHONE DIRECTORY for the SPRINGFIELD district is closing

Now is the time to notify the Telephone Business Office of any changes to be made in your listing in the white pages of the telephone directory, and to arrange for additional residence and business listings.



YULE CUSTOMS ARE VARIED

Although most Christian customs originated in the East, Christ is believed to have been initiated by Latins. As early as 354 A.D., the feast was said to have been transferred from January 6 to December 25, the day for the pagan feast of the sun.

Not only in Latin countries, but also in German and Celtic provinces the early Christians celebrated the feast day of the "return of the sun" as Christ's birthday.

From the pagan celebration in Teutonic lands many customs were adapted for the Christmas festivities, including the Yule log and the wassail bowl. In many places, part of the Yule log was retained to light the log of the following year.

Mistletoe, still popular at Christmas time, was used by the ancient Celts of Ireland in their elaborate pagan festivities.



PROMENADERS
SQUARE DANCE
By Beryl and Doug Shaylor

This being the Holiday Season, square dancing gives way to the jolly old gentleman with the red suit and the long white beard. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all square dancers everywhere.

In January we'll return once again to our "do-si-dos" and "teacup chains." We're looking forward to seeing you in '66 at the Robinson Park School. First dance of the new year will be Jan. 14 with guest caller Dick Mastrianni.

Follow other cars at a safe distance—and that means a longer distance on snowy or icy roads, wains Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin. Stopping distance can be cut by use of snow tires, and made even shorter by use of anti-skid tire chains. But even with tire chains, remember that it takes longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement!

The best way to get ahead is to have one.

Waste Collections

ROUTE 5
Monday, Dec. 27 — Alexander, Barry, Belmont Ave., Briarcliffe Dr., Bristol Dr., Carol Ave., Church Hill Ave., Hamilton Cir., New York Ave., North St. Ext., North West, North Westfield, Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pine, Pleasant Dr., Richmond Ave., Roosevelt Ave., South West, South Westfield, Southwick, Sunset Ter. and Thalia Dr.

ROUTE 6
Monday, Dec. 27 — DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin St. Ext., Garden, Gunn, Gerry Ln., Memorial Dr., Moun-Gerry Ln., Poplar, Porter, Silver, Silver Lake Dr., Sutherland and Vada St.

ROUTE 7
Tuesday, Dec. 28 — Althea Dr., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis, Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Lay, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prince Ln., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

ROUTE 8
Wednesday, Dec. 29 — Adams, Birch Hill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mardale Ave., Nile Ave., Oxford, Parker, Perry Ln., Raymond Cir., Ridge Ave., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., South Park Ter., Stewart Ln., Sunnyslope Ave., Thurlimere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodliffe Ave. and Wright St.



DAIRY MART
Mr. and Mrs. E. Daigneault
833 SPRINGFIELD ST.
FEEDING HILLS



ELBOW CAFE
386 WALNUT ST.
AGAWAM



SOO'S Restaurant
344 ELM ST.
Tel. Logan 2-9794
WESTFIELD



ART CLEANERS & DYERS, Inc.
301 SPRINGFIELD STREET
AGAWAM

SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By Bill Chiba

Garages, outside storage sheds, and basements can trap pockets of moist, damp air to cause irreparable rust damage to fishing gear and equipment when placed in these favorite winter storage spots.

A suggested precautionary step against possible corrosion is a spray-on application of a liquid rust preventative.

Taking a few minutes to apply a rust preventative chemical will act as a safeguard against corroded reels, tackle boxes, hooks, spinners, and leaders—all unwelcome and disheartening sights when preparing for that first spring fishing trip. One such rust and corrosion preventative brought to our attention is a chemical sold in aerosol cans called WD-40. When sprayed on, this liquid is reported to penetrate into the grain structure of metal to drive out moisture and form a barrier against its re-entry.

In addition to fishing equipment, WD-40 is also reported suitable for storage protection on guns, marine engines and accessories, golf carts and other sporting equipment that is used in fre-

quently throughout the winter months.

Ask your local store for a can of WD-40. For further information and the name of your local dealer, write to Rocket Chemical Company, 5390 Napa St., San Diego, California.

Maine Season

The Maine deer season closed with an increase in kill over last year. Wardens in practically every district reported increase in the harvest. The wardens also report strange and humorous situations. Warden George Nash, Jefferson: "During the hunting season I checked dozens and dozens of hunters but not a single woman; still, out of 457 deer killed in my district, women accounted for 71." Warden Gray Morrison, Kingfield: "A young fellow from Kingfield asked if I could keep a secret and without waiting for an answer went on to say Don't tell anyone, but my father is trying to shoot me a deer."

We wish you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

How Legends, Carols Began

Many Christmas Carols have animals and things as themes. An example is the well-loved "Carol of the Birds," of French origin, wherein birds bring the sweetest music to earth. Such carols live forever.

Carols simply are songs with a religious impulse and thus come from the world over. Each century has given to the treasury of carols, but none is more revered and sung as the much loved 19th century carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Another lovely carol is, "Carol of the Flowers," where flowers speak of love in all mankind; and from Germany a ship carol, called "Song of the Ship," in which Mary is likened to a ship, bearing the Son of Heaven; the "Cherry Tree Carol" where the Virgin Mary is afforded sustenance along the way to the manger.

'I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING...'

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day in the morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day in the morning.



Pray, whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas Day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.



S/A MacFarlane Completes Basic



CAPE MAY, N. J. (FHTNC)—Seaman Apprentice Laurence R. MacFarlane, USCG, son of Laurence W. MacFarlane of 4 Sutton

Place, Agawam, has completed eight weeks of basic training at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N. J.

Basic training prepares recruits for duty in the Coast Guard, and helps them to adjust to military life.

He was taught military drill, small boat handling, use of small arms, firefighting, seamanship, first aid and Coast Guard history and traditions. He also received an introduction to maritime law enforcement.

Whether they are in a rut or not, some men make it a point to think they are. It eases the conscience when taking a day off or when buying an unnecessary trin-

Bird Seed - Dog Food - Rock Salt - Hay - Straw and Grain
MALONE'S FARM & GARDEN CENTER
Delivery Service - RE 2-3965
338 Silver St. - Agawam

PIANO TUNING



Repair & Parts Service
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WHY COOK OVER THE BUSY HOLIDAYS?

Get Mrs. Putnam's
Homemade

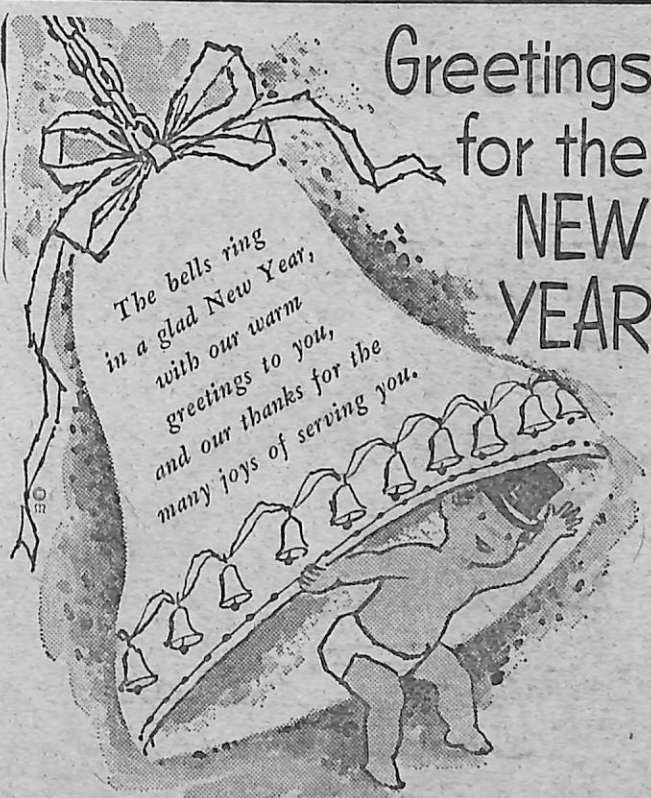
Old-Fashioned CHICKEN PIES

(FROZEN)

All Meat and Gravy
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The Putnam Farm

College Highway - Southwick
2 Miles South of
Southwick Center



Greetings for the NEW YEAR

Send "American Greeting" New Year Cards
To All Your Friends . . .

AGAWAM PHARMACY

"YOUR FRIENDLY DRUG STORE"

713 Main St. 781-3142 Agawam



Dumond's Glass Co.
732-9689



Christmas GREETINGS

Ever glorious,
Christmas comes with
its blessings to you.

Toomey Funeral Home

1065 WESTFIELD ST.
WEST SPRINGFIELD



Greetings

Have a serene and
happy holiday season.

Jack & Harry's Service Station

820 SPRINGFIELD ST.
FEEDING HILLS

Greetings
and
Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

Dreikorn's

"IT'S GOOD BREAD"

LOW COST

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ACE AUTO BODY

1363 MAIN ST. AGAWAM CALL 781-2519

No dents too big or small—we fix them all

4 Legends Loved For Centuries

the Robin * * the Birthday * * the Stork * *



When Christ was born in the manger, He had few comforts in the rude stable, assailed by cruel winds. His Mother pleaded with the oxen and the donkeys, and even the cart-horse to breathe on the listless embers and bring some warmth from them.

But all dozed and dreamed, not hearing the frail Mary. Suddenly into the stable flew a brown bird. Making a bellows of his wings he puffed up his feathers and made forays into the slumbering fires, stirring them to a rousing flame, all the while risking his little body for his Lord's comfort.

Even though the flames seared him, the bird, now red-breasted, sang loud and cheerfully.

Soon all the stable was comforting and warm . . . and softly slept the Christ-Child.

"Master Robin," said Mary, "wear now a breast of red, a blessed stain on your heart, that all may see the symbol of your love."

the Rosemary *

When Mary and Joseph fled with the infant Jesus into Egypt, the flowers showed their love by blossoming wherever the little caravan went.

Everywhere, the air was filled with heavenly fragrances . . . from the lilac, from many flowers and plants. Even the serene lily spread wide her cup of gratitude.

Only the green rosemary, petal-less, could not contribute to the poetry of color and sweet or spicy scent. The rosemary grieved.

As Mary paused to rest, she decided to wash His little garments and hang them to dry, for the journey tomorrow. But where to hang them? The fragile lily broke . . . the proud lilac was out of reach. So on the sturdy branches of the rosemary she hung the raiment to the sun.

"I thank you, gentle Rosemary," said the Mother of Jesus . . . "henceforth you shall bear blue flowers for remembrance of my blue cloak. And, where His clothing touched you, all shall be fragrantly aromatic." And so she blessed leaf, stem and flower of the modest rosemary.

On Christmas Eve, some say, certain fortunate little children are gathered up by angels to visit the Christ-child in Paradise.

It is said they have such a pandemonium of fun, Heaven is rent with their laughter.

They toss gold balls, climb the ever-beautiful trees, reach forth to touch the stars, join Him in a celestial chorus of sweet young voices.

Then, drowsing upon their angels' stalwart shoulders, they are borne earthward through the night, and by angels tucked tenderly into their little beds at home.

On Christmas Day and later, when they try to tell about the journey and the Birthday party, they cannot form the words, and fall silent in happy remembrance. Parents look at each other questioningly, and smiling, go about their ways thinking their child is lost in a fanciful dream.

Yet, how blessed are these little ones who with their own eyes have seen the dazzle of Heaven and carry through all their lives the very magic of Christmas.

Looking into legend, we find that the first Christmas stocking was really hung by the chimney to dry—and St. Nick, making his round of chimneys on Christmas Eve, dropped a bag of gold into the stocking by accident!



Christmas Wishes

Our very best wishes for a truly wonderful Christmas.

J. DePALO & SON

• UPHOLSTERERS •
289 SPRINGFIELD ST.
AGAWAM

On Christ's Birthday even the birds and animals felt the wonder of it, and knelt down to pray. The ox, the badger, all manner of wild and domestic beast, including the long-legged stork, flocked 'round where the baby Jesus lay. The stork, seeing how mean His bed, plucked the soft down from her breast, pulled plumes for Him to cushion His head.

Ever since then, the noble stork has been patron of babies of every land.

Soaking a wedding ring in dishwasher three times a day makes it last longer.



Happy Christmas

May all the joys of the season be yours in great abundance!

Agawam Paint & Hardware

Samuel - Leah - Lionel
303 WALNUT STREET
AGAWAM

Are you winterwise? Is your car winterized? Bad weather and hazardous driving conditions require a vehicle in tip-top shape.

Check brakes, tires, lights, windshield wipers and blades, radiator, battery, seat belts and exhaust system.

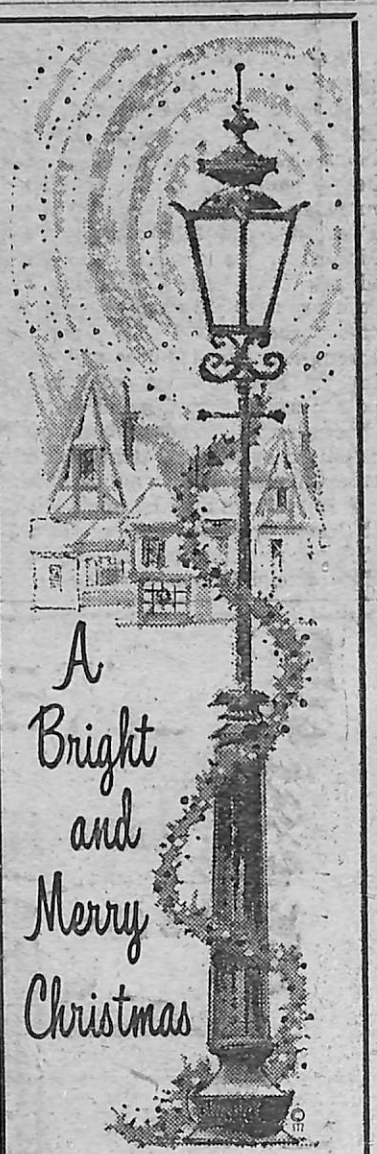


Holy Night

At this Christmastide, we gratefully wish for all our dear friends the season's many blessings.

**SEVEN-UP
SPRINGFIELD
BOTTLERS, INC.**

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

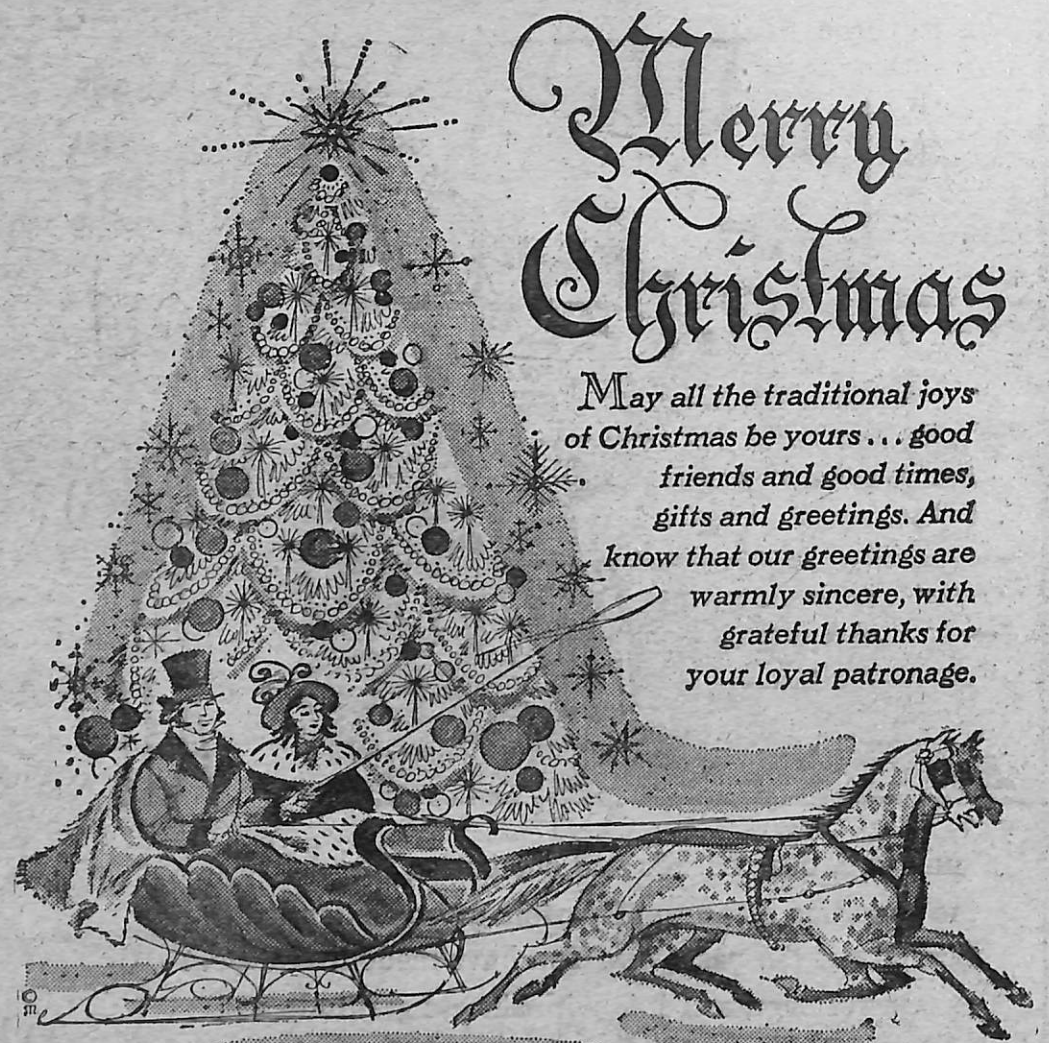


A Bright and Merry Christmas

We wish for you a Christmas glowing with joy and fond friendships.

**JOFFE
OIL CO.**

160 ROCUS ST.
SPRINGFIELD



Merry Christmas

May all the traditional joys of Christmas be yours . . . good friends and good times, gifts and greetings. And know that our greetings are warmly sincere, with grateful thanks for your loyal patronage.

ring in
A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

**at YE OLE WHIP
Bar and Cocktail Lounge**

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

New Year's Eve Party

Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post and Unit will jointly hold their public New Year's Eve Party at the American Legion home on Springfield Street. It will be presented under the co-chairmanship of Frank LaMountain of Post 185, and Mrs. Connie LaMountain, president of the Auxiliary Unit. Several members of both organizations will assist. A smorgasbord will be served throughout the evening and will include ham, turkey, cold cuts, potato salad, tossed salad, beans, cheese, rolls, cranberry sauce and cake. An evening of dancing and entertainment has been planned.

Reservations may be made with chairmen or at the Legion Home. Tickets are going fast, so reservations should be made soon.

January Meetings

The first Unit meeting of the new year will be held in the Bud Morrison room at the Legion Home on Monday evening, Jan. 3rd. Plans are being made for a party for members of long standing to be held in the near future, and for a Rummage Sale in the latter part of the month. Members are reminded to save articles for this event.

Extend Wishes

Good wishes are extended to the Unit Secretary and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Catchepaugh, who recently underwent an operation at Springfield Hospital. It is sincerely hoped that she may be home with her family for Christmas.

Rosemary and Bay Are Flowers of Yule

Rosemary and bay have long been associated with the story of Christmas.

Legends say the Virgin Mary rested by a rosemary plant, and placed the Christ Child's garments upon its branches, whereupon the white blossoms turned to a lovely lavender to honor the Child.

The bay tree with its lance-like leaves and purple berries, was said to have sheltered the Family during a thunderstorm, thus it was believed that lightning would not strike a bay tree.

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What the Wise Men's Gifts Mean to Us...

The priceless offerings to the Christ-Child are man-kind's symbols for all time. Melchior brought gold to honor the Son of God as the true King of each of us. Caspar's frankincense proclaims the presence of God in the baby Christ. Balthazar's myrrh reminds us that the earthly body must be crucified before the Christ-Spirit can be-kind's symbols for all time come gloriously transcendent. Many feel that the 'magical' power of these symbols grows stronger as the Christ influence spreads throughout the world, especially at Christmas when we 'come under the spell' of the Wise Men.



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All

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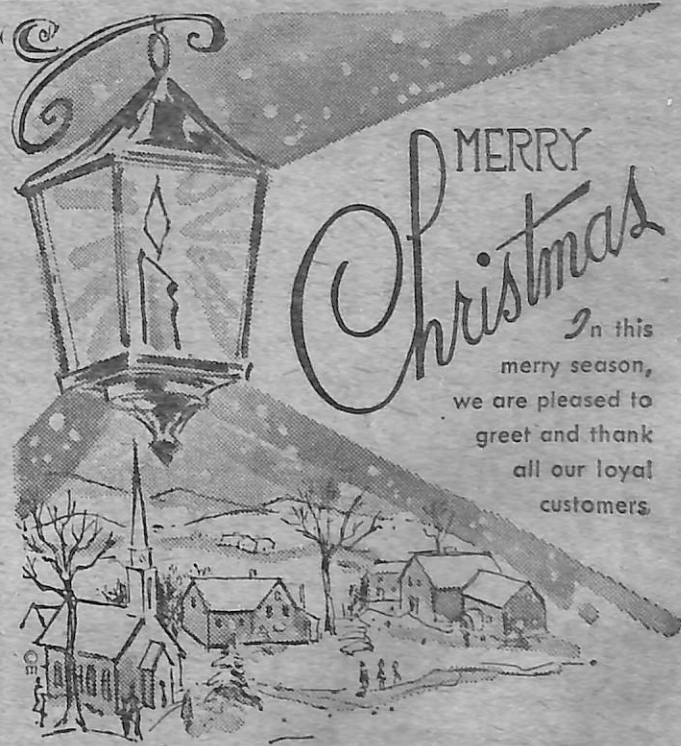
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The Magi Symbolized Ancient Priestly Caste

In New Testament history according to Matthew, the narrative of the three Magi who followed a star to Bethlehem in search of the Infant Jesus describes them simply as three "wise men from the east." It was not until the 2nd century, according to the Book of Knowledge that they were known as "kings" in a charming legend that traces its origin to that time.

The Magi originally represented the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As this religion moved westward, it came into contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices, and thus derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

By the time it had reached the Graeco-Roman world, Zoroastrianism was almost

identical with astrology and magic in the popular view. This explains the use of the term "wise men" in Matthew's New Testament account, for the three men described therein were actually astrologers and not kings.

The Empress Helena is credited with having brought the bones of the Wise Men to Constantinople; from there they were removed to Milan and afterward to Cologne. This explains why the Wise Men were often referred to as the Three Kings of Cologne. Their crowns are exhibited in the Chapel of the Three Kings in Cologne Cathedral, which is supposed to contain their relics.



Fun with Mexican Piñatas...

One new and very colorful Christmas decoration seen in many neighborhood stores this year comes from Mexico. It is a large papier-mache container which may take the form of a large animal, bird or person. Inside this brightly colored bag is placed candy, nuts or toys. Hung from the ceiling of your room by a movable

string, the festive container will add a "South of the Border" touch to your home.

Children also like the Piñata because of the game that is played with it at Christmas. Boys and girls of the family are blindfolded and one by one attempt to hit the Piñata with a stick.

Since the container can be manipulated out of reach by adults, there is much laughter at watching the youngsters swing.

When one child manages to crack the container there is a mad scramble for the goodies which have scattered over the floor.

If you can't find a Piñata in your stores, make your own. Cover a paper sack or lightweight, breakable container with crepe paper. Design a fancy mask or pattern on the container with many colors of paper. Fill it with candy and hang from the ceiling of your room.

'PLUG IT IN' — NOT 'FILL 'ER UP'

New York

Mr. Average Commuter may someday forget about gas stations, miles per gallon, and valve jobs.

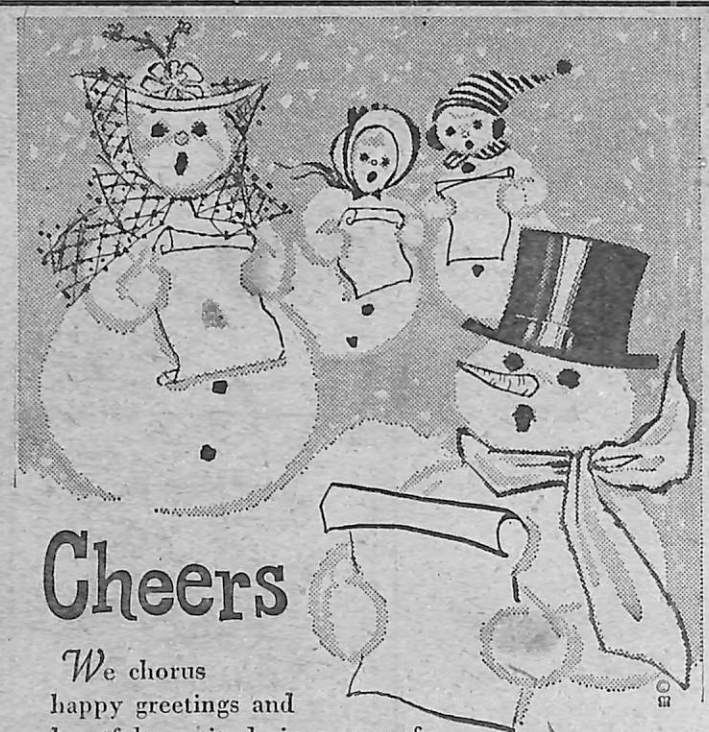
If work being done by two firms proves successful, Mr. Commuter may be able to pass up service stations, and instead, "refuel" by plugging his car into a household electric outlet.

General Dynamics, one of the biggest American industrial firms, and Edison Electric Institute, which represents the nation's electric utilities, said they have been working on a battery propulsion system since 1964.

Battery-powered vehicles, said the announcement, would ease the nation's air pollution problem because the systems generate no noxious fumes.

Electrically powered automobiles are nothing new, but are limited in range to between 40 and 50 miles a day.

"By using zinc-air batteries," said General Dynamics, "which store more energy than conventional batteries, range can be increased three or four times for a battery of the same weight."



Cheers

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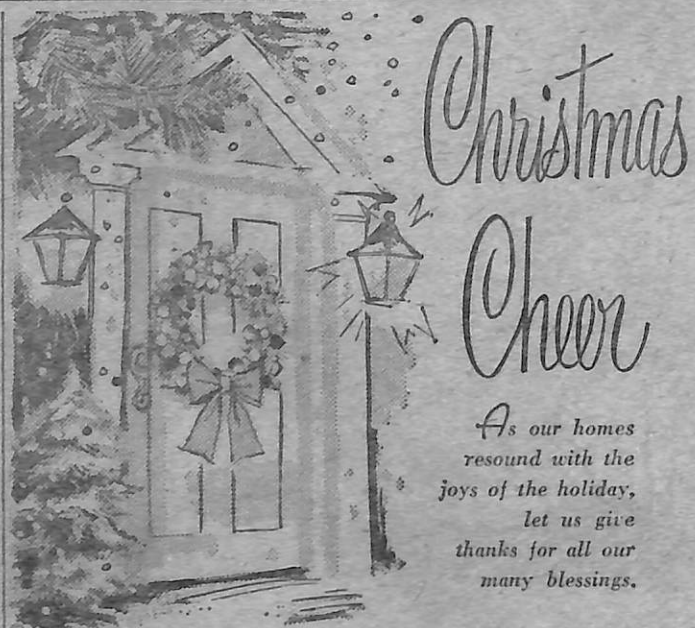


And we wish
you a Merry
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Christmas.

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As our homes
resound with the
joys of the holiday,
let us give
thanks for all our
many blessings.

JOHN A. MacPHERSON

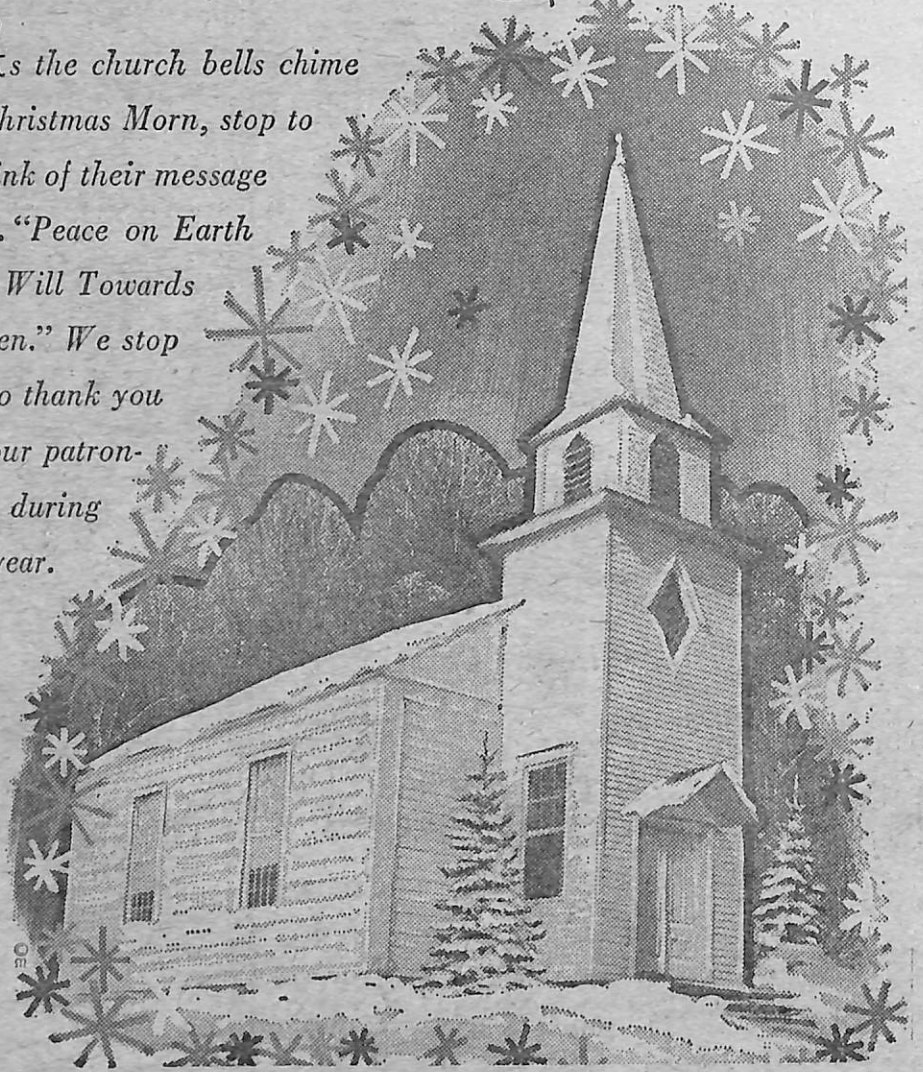
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416 SPRINGFIELD STREET

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The Spirit of Christmas

As the church bells chime
on Christmas Morn, stop to
think of their message
... "Peace on Earth
Good Will Towards
Men." We stop
now to thank you
for your patron-
age during
the year.



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My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Little girls in pink dresses and petticoats, babes in diapers, little boys in bows and suspenders, a senior hugging her teddy bear, cowboys—will all be seen at the

annual Kid Party.

Tonight at Agawam High, seniors will gather to yell, jump, run around, and have fun in general. Santa Claus will visit the deserving seniors and will distribute toys among them. This is the last time the seniors will have a chance to act like children. Have fun, Seniors!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

During the last couple of weeks, only AHS clubs and organizations held Christmas parties. Students who attended the FTA Christmas party that was held in the library were greeted by Santa Claus, in the person of Billy Engelston. These future teachers exchanged gifts, enjoyed refreshments, and had a lot of fun.

The French Club had an interesting Christmas party, where French students sang, played games, exchanged gifts, distributed by Santa Claus, and enjoyed refreshments.

Other clubs holding Christmas parties were the Drama Club, Spanish Club, Personality Club,

The Old Timer



"The only time the world beats a path to your door is right after you decide to take a Sunday afternoon nap."

Latin Club and most other clubs at Agawam High.

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas!

Snake Steak Anyone?

Hong Kong It's the snake season in Hong Kong, and residents eat them at the rate of 4000 a day.

The New Evening Post says the snakes, most of them supplied by Communist China, are considered a delicacy and health tonic by southern Chinese.

Burning the yule log is an ancient pre-Christian custom originating with the Scandinavians. At their feast of Juul—from from which we get our "yuletide"—on the first day of winter, they kindled huge bonfires on honor of the god Thor. This occasion was a rollicking and happy one for the people, and remained when Scandinavia became Christian. In feudal times, the bringing in of the great yule log to the wide hearth in the baronial hall was one of the most joyous ceremonies connected with the Christmas celebration. The men hewed down the greatest log they could find, singing merry yule songs while they dragged it to the waiting hearth. According to custom the yule log was lighted with a brand of the previous year's log. Burning the yule log is still a beloved and picturesque custom in many rural districts around the world.

At Your Service

DAVID C. GALLANO
Director of Veterans Services



A cut-off deadline faces all veterans over 55 years old who wish to obtain or exchange a Total Disability Income Provision rider (TDIP) on their GI insurance policies.

They must act before Jan. 1, 1966, the VA at Boston said today.

The Total Disability Income Provision provides payment of \$10 per month per each \$1000 of National Service Life Insurance should the policyholder become disabled before his 65th birthday. The policyholder, who before the Jan. 1, 1966, date can be under 60, pays an additional charge after this rider.

After Jan. 1, 1966, the rider will be sold only to veterans under 55.

The previous law required that the disability be in effect before age 60. The present law extends the period in which disability may occur to age 65.

All World War II and Korean Conflict veterans whose NSLI policies are not preceded by the letters "RH" are eligible to buy the rider.

Veterans under 60 holding existing disability "up to age 60" riders and who wish to exchange them for the disability "up to age 65" riders may do so but those

over 55 years old will have to do so before Jan. 1, 1966.

The VA office at 1 Beacon St., Boston, or your local VA office at Town Hall can furnish further details. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Snow time is no time to take foolish risks in driving, warns the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Reduce speed on snow and ice. Snow tires are fine for the winter season, but also keep chains in the car for emergency use.

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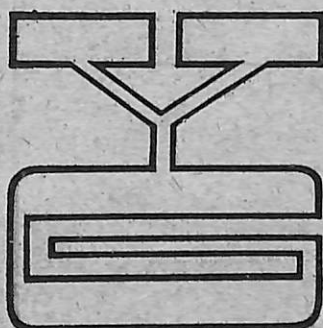


Merry Christmas

and

Joyous New Year

A loud cheer for the New Year and all the good things that are sure to come for all our wonderful friends!



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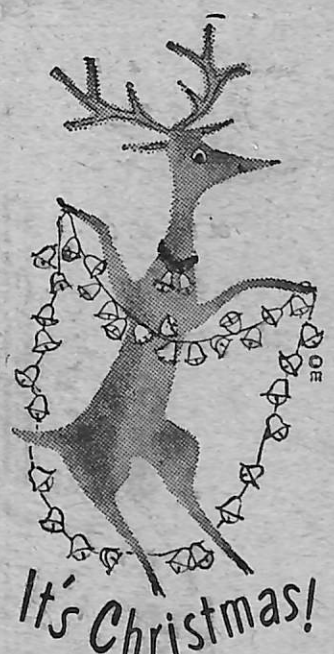


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Noel

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on Christmas morn, to
hear once again the
story of the birth of
the Christ child, we
value more than ever
the good will of our
loyal patrons. To you,
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"The rapid evaporation of the water created an air-conditioning effect which proved very satisfactory."

Buyers shopped in comfort—and sales probably were good.

Mr. Wells spoke during a panel discussion, sponsored by the American Society of Real Estate Counselors.

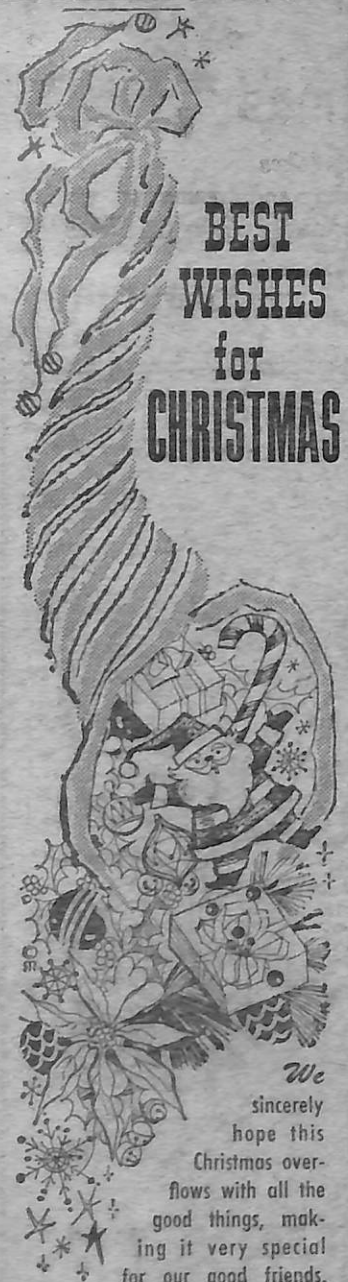
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Mama's Mama

Mama's mama, on a winter's day
Milked the cows, and fed them hay.
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule,
And got the children off to school.
Did a washing, mopped the floors,
Washed the windows and did some chores.

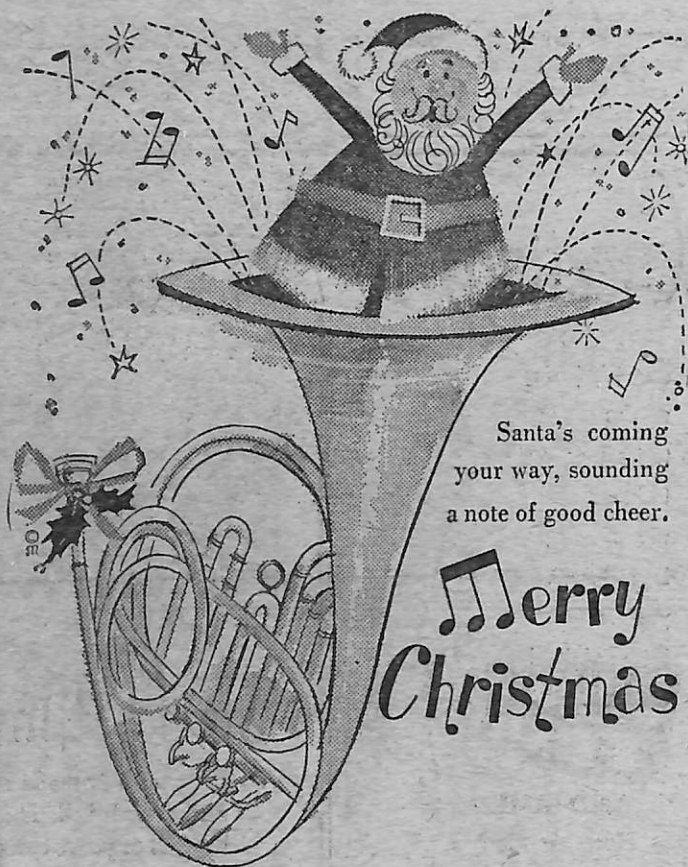
Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit,
Pressed her husband's Sunday suit,
Swept the parlor, made the bed,
Baked a dozen loaves of bread,
Split some firewood, and lugged it in,
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.

Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,
Stewed some apples she thought might spoil,
Churned the butter, baked a cake,
Then exclaimed: "For mercy's sake,
The calves have got out of the pen!"
Went out and chased them in again.

Gathered the eggs and locked the stable,
Returned to the house and set the table,
Cooked a supper that was delicious,
And afterwards washed all the dishes.
Fed the cat, sprinkled the clothes,
Mended a basket full of hose.

Then opened the organ and began to play:
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Santa's coming your way, sounding a note of good cheer.

Merry Christmas

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There are many different versions of the story of the Christmas stocking. Research in the Esquire Socks Library of Footlore reveals that the only fact which can clearly be established is that the first Christmas stocking was fashioned of woolen shreds. In the 1600s, St. Nick put his gifts in hose of pure silk.

Greetings

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Senior Citizen's Christmas Party and Tea



Over 300 senior citizens attended the Christmas party and tea at Phelps School, Sunday, given by Agawam Council for the Aging. Santa Claus presented at least two gifts to each senior citizen and over 150 door prizes were awarded. Music for the afternoon was furnished by the Encore, Matthew Bonk, Candy Bassani, Joseph Dynia, Edmund

Bouley and Robert Toriani. A skit was presented by Jennie Miller and Mabel Huley.

The first award presented by the local Council for Aging to a club was presented Sunday to Agawam Junior Women's Club with Mrs. John Bodurtha, president, accepting for the club. Named "The Golden Deed Award," this award will be given

to a club each year who does the most for senior citizens. The award was presented by Mrs. Thomas Danford, chairman of the Council.

A Christmas message was brought by Rev. Frank Dunn, and Edson Ferrell and John Adams of the Council also spoke. James P. Kane who was selectman in 1957 when the Council was formed gave a brief thumbnail sketch of what the Council does. The MC of the day's event and Santa Claus, too, was Selectman Frederick Nardi. A mes-

sage was read from Rev. John P. Shannon who was unable to attend. A moment of silence was observed for Archie Lecour, a member of the Over 90 Club, Mrs. Theresa DiRosa, senior citizen of 1965 and all other senior citizens who passed away during this past year.

The Chalkliners drew a great deal of applause with their presentation of the "Man in the Bowler Hat" with Mrs. Doreen Deliso directing. Agawam Golden Age Club opened the show with Christmas songs.

Robinson Senior Citizens of Chicopee were honored guests as were the Wednesday Club and Senior Citizens from Wilson's Nursing Home. Representatives from Agawam Golden Age Club and Country View Apartments Social Club were present.

The focal point on the stage was a beautiful silver Christmas tree gaily decorated with colored balls. The tree was decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gallerani. Rudy Altobelli was in charge of props.

Pictured above are a few scenes of the event at left, Santa Claus (Fred Nardi, selectman), with guests from the Robinson Senior Citizen's Club in Chicopee; center, one of the tea tables with Mrs. Frederick Nardi, hostess; right, Santa Claus presents Edson Ferrell, president of the local Golden Age Club with his annual gift check to cover the cost of hall rent for club meetings and Mrs. Thomas Danford, chairman for the Agawam Senior Citizens, and general chairman for the Christmas Party and Tea.

Slick Tick

Knoxville, Tenn. A package weighing about 10 pounds and ticking was removed from a mail bag aboard a Southern Airways plane at Municipal Airport.

Lt. Tom Hammer, city police demolitions expert, and postal officials were called to investigate.

A postal inspector gingerly opened the package and found that it was a battery-operated shoeshine kit.

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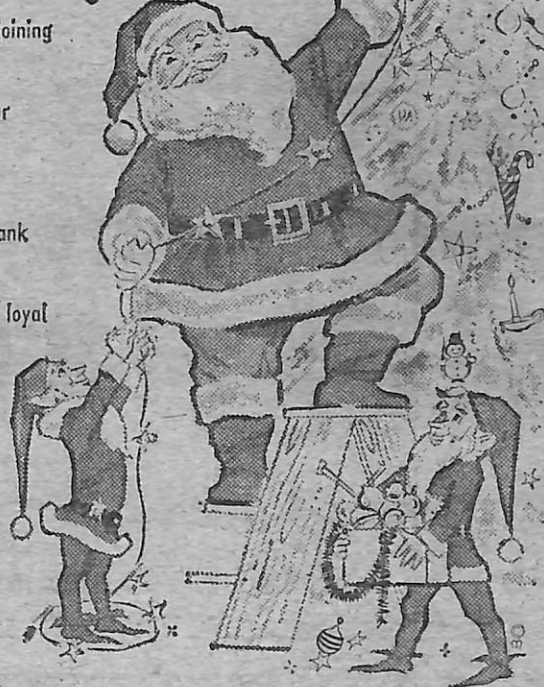


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'Christmas Star' Completed

The Department of Defense recently announced the completion of "Operation Christmas Star," a special airlift organized to carry Christmas gifts donated by groups and organizations throughout the country to servicemen in Vietnam.

More than a million pounds of gifts were collected. The Air Force Reserve and Air National

Guard, using 82 aircraft, are airlifting the bulk of the parcels. An estimated 300,000 pounds of the total tonnage, which could not be accommodated by the 82 programmed flights, are being sent by surface transportation. The collection and shipment of these community gifts have been under the operation control of the Air Force's Continental Air Command.

Local organizations gave more than 300 packages weighing about 7,000 pounds to the project. Contributing groups included the Fairfield County Airlift, Fairfield, Conn.; the Westover Red Cross; the Chicopee Junior Chamber of Commerce, with a gift of 4,000 pounds; the Junior Red Cross, Springfield; the Pilgrim's Fellow Church, Springfield; WAC Veteran's Association, chapter 35, Springfield, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7362, Springfield.

The people who get the most kick out of life, are those who kick the least.

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WELL-LOVED LEGENDS GO THE ROUNDS

Christmas is many things to many people but regardless of custom or country, all Christmas celebrations are surrounded by legends. They vary from the religious to the nonsensical and seem endless in number.

One legend has it that those who perish at midnight on the Eve of Christmas will ascend to heaven; another claims that eating a dish composed of rice and blackeyed peas, known as Poor John, will guarantee prosperity for the coming year.

Tradition says that a green Christmas portends a white Easter and that when Christmas falls on a Monday, the winter will be long and cold but when it falls on a Wednesday, there will be a splendid summer and a beautiful harvest.

Another legend says that the cock was the first to announce Christ's birth and that ever since, the rooster crows all night long on the eve of Christmas.

New work begun during Christmas week will never prosper, one tradition has it another cautions that whatever is done on New Year's Day will be done the whole year through, so pay no bills!

An especially lovely legend is the one concerning horses and barnyard animals, because their forebears witnessed the nativity it is believed that horses kneel at midnight on Christmas Eve, while barnyard animals have the gift of speech.

The fact that there were animals present in the manger on the night of the Christ child's birth is said to be responsible for the origin of the myth that animals spoke on Christmas Eve. Anglo-folklore gives credence to the belief that cattle in Devon and Cornwall fell on their knees in adoration and the bees sang in their hives.

Many believe that it was Martin Luther who first put candles on the Christmas tree. Supposedly, while walking through the countryside one Christmas Eve, Luther was awed by the sight of the snow-tipped evergreens sparkling in the moonlight. At home, he tried to recreate this effect for his family by placing candles on their Christmas tree.

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The Christmas card is probably the most recent of our cherished and established customs. In 1846, Joseph Cundall, a London artist, claimed to have sent the first Christmas card. It was printed in lithography, and colored by hand. Not until 1862, however, did the custom obtain a foothold. Cards then were inscribed only with a simple message. After that, robins, holly branches, embossed figures and landscapes were added. During a typical Christmas season these days, about two billion greeting cards are sent in the U. S. alone!



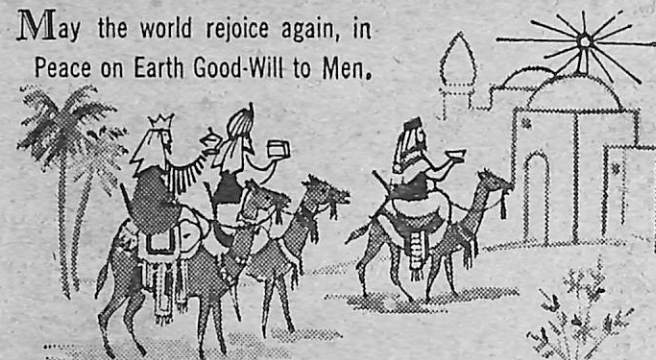
May the happiness of the holidays be with you always.

The Squires Restaurant

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May the world rejoice again, in
Peace on Earth Good-Will to Men.



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Best
Wishes
for a
Bright and
Merry
CHRISTMAS



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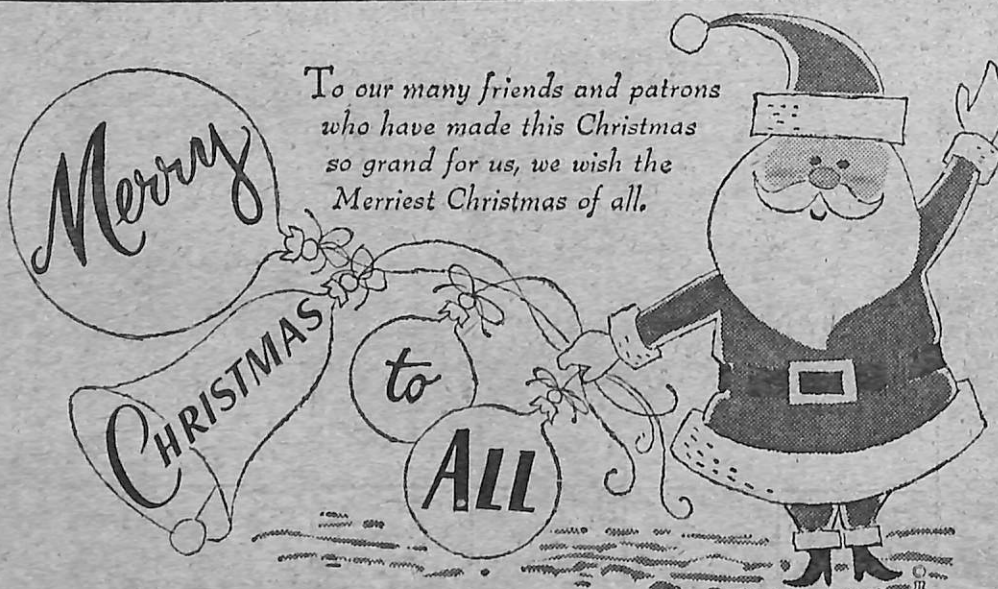


It's Christmas, so we're taking this joyous time to wish our fine customers all the best of the holiday and to express thanks for your patronage.

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11 Central Street
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To our many friends and patrons who have made this Christmas so grand for us, we wish the Merriest Christmas of all.

from: Glen - Howie - Richie and Bob

EXPOSITION SERVICE GARAGE

350 Main Street

Agawam



A festive air prevails about the high school this season, as doors, windows and bulletin boards are decorated with the spirit of

Christmas. The Art Department maintains two show cases in the main lobby that are presently decorated with Christmas motifs.

One depicts a group of street Carolers in a snowstorm and the other is a display consisting of a tree made of tissue balls, wreaths, angels and peacocks. The first case was designed and executed by Steve Cushing, Linda Tomski and Jean Stefanic. The second case was worked on by several members of the classes.

Pictured above at left is James Clifford with Santa Claus, one of the door decorations and on right Steve Cushing with one of the lobby display cases.

Beth Corliss and Linda Tomski designed and painted the annual Christmas mural on the windows of the teachers' cafeteria. In the Art room, Robert Ossolinski has painted an abstract scene of Mary and the Child which he designed. This also is done on a window.

This year students have taken on the additional project of mak-

ing Christmas decorations for Westover Air Force Base Hospital. Snowflakes, bells, Santa Clauses, trees, stars, poinsettias, a large mural of Santa's workshop and a Nativity scene, were especially made for the air men.

Barbara Wagner, Beth Corliss, Linda Tomski and Beatrice Fontaine, all seniors were chosen to represent the classes and decorate the hospital under the direction of Miss Geraldine Schilling, Art Supervisor at the high school.

Chas. Crouss Serves Aboard USS Massey

USS MASSEY (DD-778) (FH-TNC) — Machinist's Mate Third Class Charles Crouss, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crouss of 241 Silver St., Agawam, is participating in an Atlantic Fleet training exercise during December, while serving aboard the destroyer USS Massey, which operates out of Newport, R. I.

There will be an amphibious assault against an "aggressor" force on the island of Vieques, off the coast of Puerto Rico, by a Navy Amphibious Task Force and its embarked Marine Landing Force.

This is designed to provide training in anti-air and anti-submarine warfare, naval gunfire, underway replenishment at sea, amphibious operations and Marine maneuvers ashore.

Upon completion of the exercise in mid-December, Massey is scheduled to return to Newport for the Christmas Holidays.

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote the words to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" in 1739. In his first version the carol began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings," according to World Book Encyclopedia.

Why the Christ Child Blessed the Pine Tree

As the old story goes, long ago the pine tree was subject to seasonal changes, like other varieties of trees . . . losing its green fripperies in winter.

One day King Herod, in a rage of fear, sent his armies out to slay all infant boys, lest one threaten his crown.

In Israel a carpenter, Joseph, and his wife, Mary, with the Child Jesus, fled the country before Herod's wrath. At day's end they came to a green wood where stood a pine, heavy with needles, that every summer gave small birds a nest. Half its trunk was hollow. "Come," said Joseph to the little family, "we will find haven here."

The pine tree, full of pity, dropped its blanket of branches down to cover them, and there they stayed, while Herod's armed men rode past, their hands stained with the blood of innocent babes.

When morning dawned, the Child Jesus awoke, and, looking up at the high pine, blessed it:

"Great pine, henceforth you will always keep your summer raiment and be forever green. Through the ages multitudes of birds will find sanctuary amid your branches all winter long."

And so it was we have the evergreen Pine, loved by all living things.

The legend tells us, too, that if you cut a pine cone through part-way, you will find within it the imprint of His hand.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 Bulletin

VFW Newsletter: A repeat: Due to the fact that all our members did not receive information on Nov. 25, the following announcement must be made. Motion on floor to drop insurance (accidental death) as it was increased 40 cents. Instead of dropping \$1.25 we paid for insurance we have to try and vote this portion as additional dues. The national has raised their portion 50 cents which we must assume with or without additional dues.

The second vote will be taken next regular meeting Jan. 3, 8 p. m. Post Home.

Post Home Christmas party held Dec. 12 to the tune of 114

thank the Ladies Auxiliary President Stella Longhi and Margaret Ardizoni for their cooperation. It's a good thing they still believe in Santa Claus.

Repeat: To All Members: As Commander of Post 1632 I feel that we, as members of the VFW should not stand idly by, while a most vicious minority damages our public image abroad and endangers the morale of our Armed Forces by their demonstrations against the actions of the United States Forces in South Vietnam.

If your feelings are indignant, I request that you make them known. Write President Johnson a letter that you support his ac-



children. A Christmas film was shown and balloon magic was performed by Ray Pause. Santa arrived on time and riding on a beautiful playboy bicycle which he rode around the hall to the children's delight. A little while later the winning ticket for the bicycle was held by Billy Hanon. After he laid claim there was no turning back. He was so excited he didn't care if the bicycle was a girl's bike or a boy's bike only that it was his.

First prize drawn for C. Mouch. Second prize Harold Hanon. Third prize Zeke Cimma.

I do hope everybody had a good time, as we tired our best to put the children in a Christmas spirit. It may not have been a financial success but to the children it was a grand event. I

tions in South Vietnam and have great respect for all the boys backing them, and nothing but disrespect for the rabble rouser.

The Christmas Party held at the Post Home Dec. 19 for members children, guests and neighborhood children. It turned out to be quite a success. Santa was flown in by Helicopter to children's delight. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

If any member knows of any member who is sick or in the hospital or in need notify your

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Your Commander at this time would like to wish all the members of Post 1632 a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Stella Longhi, President of Ladies Auxiliary, wishes all the members of the Auxiliary a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Commander Gimimani

Symbolism Of Colors in Stained Glass

The beauty of the stained-glass windows in churches can be attributed to the vivid contrasts of clear color. All of the colors have a spiritual aspect, according to the practitioners of this ancient craft.

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Ruby reds are the hues of life, itself... enthusiasm, courage and sacrifice, and of love. Red is the color of valor, action — the wings of the seraphims and the gift of the Church's martyrs.

The gold of the sun is also the color of silence and strength. Poets and philosophers refer to the "golden thread" joining this life with the next. And yellow is associated with joy.

Green is the color symbolic of Spring, of youth and renewing promise. It typifies rebirth and newness of life.

All these, and other colors, are complemented by the simplicity of white... symbolizing innocence and perfect purity.

The "Messiah" oratorio, a Christmas tradition, was composed by George Friderick Handel in only 25 days, according to World Book Encyclopedia. It was first performed in 1742 in Dublin. A year later King George II set the custom of standing during the oratorio's "Hallelujah Chorus."

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The "Paradeisbaum" (tree of Paradise) was a central theme of medieval mystery plays. When these plays were suppressed, the tree (usually a fir) was brought into the home and gradually it

became the custom to decorate it with cookies and fruit at Christmas time.



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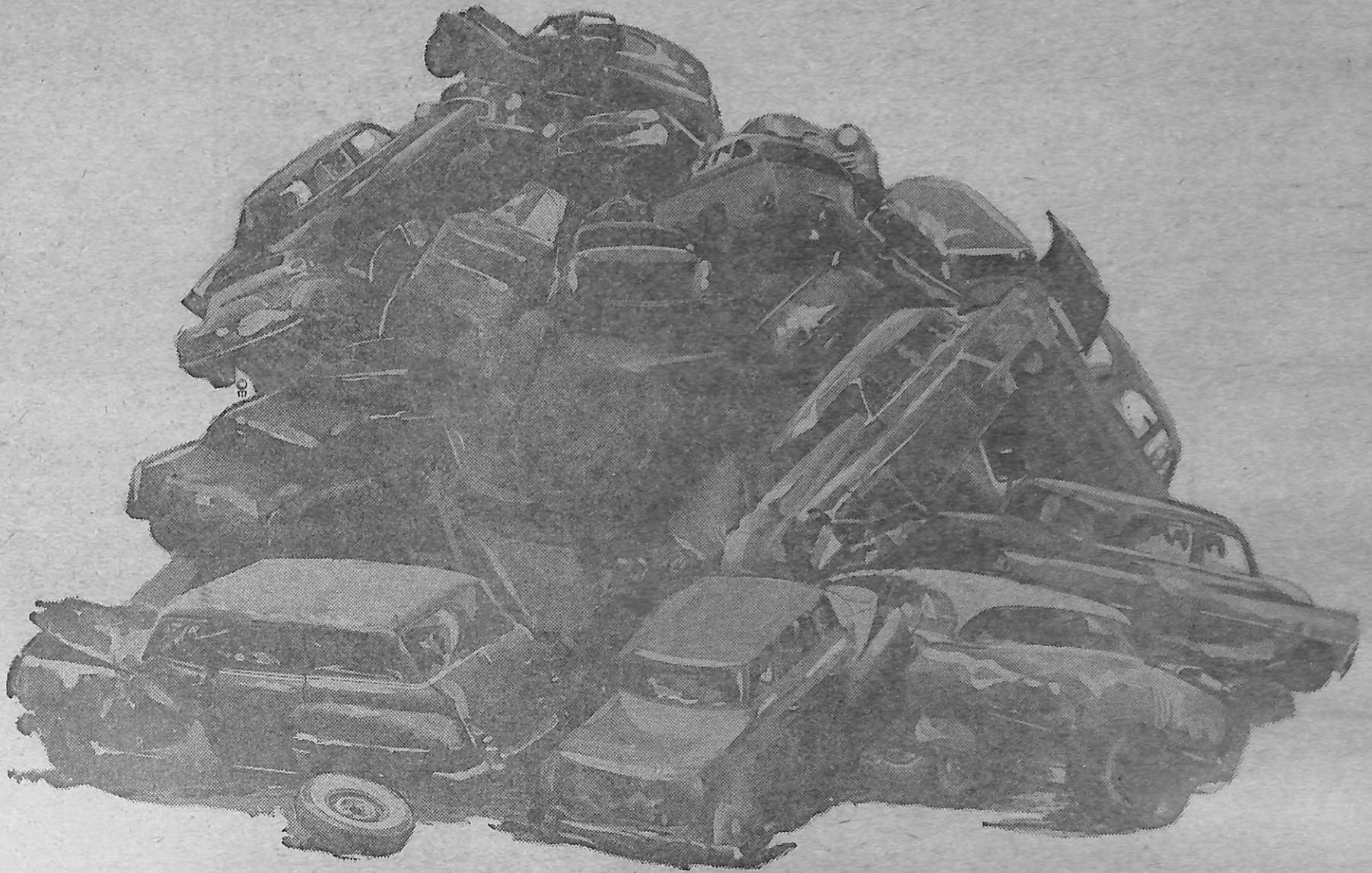
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Notify the driver behind you of your intention to start, stop, or change direction. Be extra careful on expressways and high-speed facilities. Don't spoil your holiday by involvement in an automobile accident. Concentrate on your driving.

If you must drink at a holiday celebration, let someone who has not been drinking drive you home. The Registry of Motor Vehicles approves of the holiday mood but enforcement officers will not tolerate driving after drinking. Celebrate the season as

you wish — but do not get behind-the-wheel if you value your life and your license. Ring out the old and ring in the new, in safety.

The dangers of hurry, drink, fatigue and inattention cannot be overemphasized, especially during this holiday season. Fatigue can be fatal at the wheel. When you begin to feel drowsy, stop—and don't continue until you're wide awake. Driving demands your full attention.

Show your goodwill toward fellow travelers by yielding the right of way. Slow down at intersections—allow ample room between your car and the vehicle ahead—practice courtesy at all times. Help keep this a joyous time of year. Don't let tragedy enter the Christmas picture.

Most of the schools in the Commonwealth will be closed for the holidays from Christmas through New Years. Many will be out with sleds and skis when it snows. Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin urges motorists to exercise extreme caution in areas where children are apt to be at play.

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